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PLEASE PASS WILLIAM BARNEY, NOAA, FROM RALPH BOYCE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: USIRJC, IR  
SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON NEW IMO DIRECTOR BEHSERESHT

REF: TEHRAN 5488

1. NEW DIRECTOR OF IRANIAN METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION IS  
LT. GENERAL ASGHAR BEHSERESHT.

2. BEHSERESHT WAS BORN IN 1917 IN TABRIZ. PREVIOUS  
POSITIONS INCLUDE INSTRUCTOR AT IIAF STAFF COLLEGE, CHIEF  
OF G-3, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS, DEPUTY  
CHIEF OF IIAF, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF SUPREME  
COMMANDER'S STAFF, AND MOST RECENTLY, VICE-COMMANDER OF  
IIAF. HE WAS RETIRED FROM THIS LAST POSITION AND THEN RE-  
CALLED TO ASSUME DUTIES OF IMO DIRECTOR.

3. HE IS REPORTEDLY A QUIET AND EFFICIENT MAN WHO HAS  
HAD CONTACT WITH AMERICAN MILITARY THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER.  
HE HAS MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE U.S. AND APPARENTLY  
HAS NUMEROUS FRIENDS AND POSSIBLY SOME RELATIVES  
RESIDING THERE. HE IS MARRIED, WITH THREE GROWN  
CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH FAIRLY WELL, BUT SOME-  
TIMES HAS COMPREHENSION PROBLEMS.

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4. PACKAGE ARRIVED SAFELY AND SPEEDILY. MANY THANKS  
AND WARM REGARDS.  
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